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For The Collector.

AN S. OF P. EMBLEM.

There has been considerable said about having an S. of P. emblem, a badge by which our members can be recognized; but as yet there has been no proposals made as to what it shall be like.

One which I have thought of is as follows:—A bar of some metal, aluminum would be very fine, hanging pendant from this, and connected with it by a blue and gray ribbon, a star made of the same metal and in raised letters on the star the sentence, "Sons of Philatelia. Organized Jan. 1st. 1891" in raised letters. On the officer's badge, the title of their office should be in raised letters on the bar. This would make a very pretty badge and would be well liked.

If something cheaper and more simple is wanted, why not have a button about the size of the well known lapel button of the G. A. R., and made of some suitable metal with an appropriate inscription upon it. These should be obtained quite cheap and would become very popular with the members.

Something of this sort is needed and I would suggest that a vote be taken on the subject to accertain the wishes of the members.

I see that the trustees call for designs in order that prices, etc. may be obtained. If every member who desires a badge so that he may be recognized as belonging to the best society in existence, will take hold of the matter in dead earnest we shall soon be with the immortals.

R. H. Rockwood.

For The Collector.

BENEFITS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

Allow me the liberty, right here in the beginning, to state that I am not a philatelist with the experience of a number of years, so this article may not be of very great interest to a certain per cent of its readers, but as the eye of some non-philatelist may perchance fall upon it, I intend to show a few of the benefits which may be obtained by collecting stamps.

First: If a person, especially if it be a young man, enters the ranks of philately, he is sure to be connected, in some way, with business transactions. For instance: he receives an assortment of stamps on approval. He then has a fair opportunity to put in practice his knowledge of business forms, for I found out in my experience, that I had a good chance to put in practice what little knowledge I had on the subject, and as I, in time, received various letters, I found out more and more the principles of business. One cannot be a successful philatelist, who does not enter into the business, as well as the curious part of the work. He must, as a matter of course, acquaint himhimself with the rules of philately, *i. e.*, keep the approval sheets clean, and return them promptly, etc., all of which cultivate neatness and promptness in the person; it also puts one on his honor, for he knows if he keeps the sheets, he is sure to have his name in that dreadful book—"The Fraud List." He has, also, in a small degree, a fair chance

to exercise his knowledge of percentage in computing his commission.

Second: A person cannot be a stamp collector without getting some idea of geography, for when he purchases a certain stamp, the thought always enters his mind: "From what part of this great earth did that come?" Perhaps it came from the far off isle of New Zealand, or possibly from that land of the Pyramids—Egypt. And in a great many other instances we are referred to all parts of the globe.

Third: One gets a considerable knowledge of history, when he thinks how the changes in government produce, also, a change in the postage stamp. As an illustration; we see a postage stamp of "The Confederate States of America," and are reminded of the late Civil War. And as we look at the stamps with the portrait of Queen Victoria on them, we come to the conclusion that those countries from which the stamps came, must be under the rule of Great Britain. Many other instances come to mind which I will not take time to mention here.

Fourth: We, in some degree, become familiar with a portion of the languages of different countries, and by noting the values of their stamps, and comparing them with ours, we see the corresponding rates of postage. We see, also, the names of other countries as they appear in their own language.

Fifth and Last: We now come to the curious part of the work. In collecting postage stamps, we see their many different designs, which show us the tastes of different countries. Many are indeed, very beautiful, such as those of Heligoland, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Switzerland, and others. While some are very pretty, others are not at all so, but they all show us the ingenuity of the differnt nations in their design of the postage stamp. Surely, there is nothing more pleasing to the eye, than to see the stamps of all nations arranged in their several groups, and mounted in a nice stamp album.

Now, dear reader, I have tried to show, in my simple way, a few of the "Benefits of Stamp Collecting," and leaving the rest to your own discretion, I close.

GEORGE H. FOX, S. of P. 68.

OUR LIBRARY.

Next to the exchange department I know of no department, of a philatelic society, which should be of so much use to the members as the Library.

The S. of P. undoubtedly has a good Library, and an efficient Librarian, but I do not think the members are getting the full benefit of it, simply because they do not know what it contains.

I would therefore suggest that the Librarian be empowered to publish, either in the Official Journal or separately, a catalogue of the contents of the Library together with that section of the Constitution which relates to this department, and such additional rules as the Librarian may deem necessary. After the publication of this catalogue I think it would be well for the Librarian to make monthly reports, in the Official Journal, of any additions to the Library. The expense of such a catalogue would be very small as compared the convenience to members.

Hoping that other members will express their views upon the subject, I will close with just a word to those who are not members of the S. of P.

Who ever you are, if you are an active stamp collector, you should join this the most progressive philatelic society in America. L. W. P.

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With this month we commence the third year of our existence. In the first year (1891) we increased from a membership of 5 to 139, and in the second year (1892) from 139 to 624; an average of 40 new members per month, and from present appearances our membership will be more than doubled.

A great many will ask what caused this remarkable growth; the answer will be found by looking over the list of our efficient officers, and turning to page 215 (Dec. issue) and reading the Exchange Superintendent's report.

All members who have not paid their dues to Jan. 1st, 1894 are requested to do so at once, and new membership cards for 1893 will be issued to them.

Any member not knowing the amount of his dues should send me a reply postal card and I will notify him.

All honest philatelists will find it to their interest to join. Initiation fee 10¢. Dues only 25¢ including a subscription to this paper. Send your initiation fee to the secretary and receive an application blank by return mail. R. M. MILLER, SEC'Y.

New Chester, Adams Co., Pa., U. S. A.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Knowing that it is my duty to make a report to inform you of the condition of my Office, I now endeavor to do the same. I have received to date from Initiation Fees $1.10

Dues 1.50

Total Am't. in my Possession 2.60

And not receiving any warrants, have expended nothing. I would also like to impress upon the members the fact that above amount is not the whole amount of money the Society owns. The greater part of the money is still in the hands of the Ex.-Treas. Mr. Stuart, and Mr. R. M. Miller the Sec. has retained all moneys received by him, but will turn same over to me in a few days. Yours in Philately,

P. L. MESSER, *Treas. S. of P.*

1015 W. Balto. St., Balto., Md., Jan. 3, '93.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held on December 28th. Communications were read from Messrs. Nicklas & Messer, regarding a claim against a member, who had promised the chairman to settle; but as yet had failed to do so; also from Mr. J. W. Stowell and Mr. N. Dieschbourg; both these gentlemen have claims against the same person; all referred to chairman for investigation. The letter of Mr. Zobel regarding the application of Mr. Davison was considered. As Mr. Davison fully conformed with the requirements of the Constitution, and there being no charges against him, the chairman was instructed to notify the Secretary to admit him.

Horace Stone and John J. Morgan were expelled from the Society. Neither having taken advantage of the time allowed for an explanation.

Trustees { R. P. SPOONER, Chairman. C. W. GREVNING, R. PRUGNET.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I find upon looking over the Sons of Philatelia library that it has been sadly neglected and our library has not kept pace with the society's rapid growth.

By sadly neglected, I do not mean to reflect upon Bro. Bailey our last librarian for he has contributed largely himself and a review of his work shows the interest with which he has devoted himself to the office I mean to say that the members seem to have forgotten their library and have donated nothing.

As the largest society in the United States our library should certainly take the lead also and I would urge and request every member to donate papers, books or pamphlets on philatelic subjects. I will acknowledge all packages sent to me by return mail and shall make mention of them and of the donors through these columns.

Send on anything you have and soon we'll have a library second to none in our broad land.

I have received: Vol. 8. *Eastern Philatelist* complete, from Edgar Pilie, Jr., New Orleans.

A complete file of *N. Y. Stamp* to date from Spooner & Grevning.

Will not every publisher send us a complete file of his magazine. To set the example I have placed a complete file of the *Eagle Philatelist* in our library. Let all respond. ROY F. GREENE.

(*Librarian.*)

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the members of the S. of P.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW MEMBERS:—It has been said that the slurs and kicks of slur-flingers and kickers are best answered by the convincing power of silence, but after having seen the communication published in the last number of this paper, of the learned doctor who, by the way, is also the international secretary of our society, I cannot allow his words to be passed unanswered without doing a gross injustice to myself, and I will therefore endeavor in as few words as possible, to show you exactly how I stand. Some time after the S. of P. convention, I discovered that our learned fellow-member had written to the publishers of the *American Philatelist and Collector* and raised a vigorous objection to certain portions of my convention report published in that paper which did not suit his uppish tastes. This was done without my knowledge, he in a rather cowardly manner preferring to write to the publishers instead of the author of the report in question. Having ascertained this, I asked him to state his point, which he did, and which I *fully answered.* Not satisfied, however, he continued sending me letters, several of which suggested the authorship to be that of a quack rather than a sheep-skin M. D., until finally he by mistake enclosed a let-

ter to me which he had intending sending to another party. From this letter I was able to form a very favorable opinion of this doctor, indeed so favorable that I concluded that his objections did not deserve a reply, and I have since adhered to this conclusion. This is what is "biting" our learned friend, and which will continue to "bite" him so far as I am concerned.

He has eaten the roach, let him now swallow it. Yours in S. of P.,

FREDERICK S. FOX, S. of P. 222.

ERRATUM.

In last number on page 212, in the 19th line of Dr. Russell's letter "minority" should be "majority" and in 22nd line "humor" should have been "honor." The doctor's S. of P. number is 105 instead of 100.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

"Some of the Southern Members of the S. of P. having decided to form a branch of that society, would be pleased to receive the co-operation of all Southern members. Any further information or application blanks will be cheerfully furnished by any one of the committee." D. E. HAZEN,

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MY EXPERIENCE AS A COLLECTOR.

Among my earliest recollections of collecting, was that of tobacco tags, and when I discontinued them I had about three hundred varieties. One day I happened to see a small collection of coins, so I at once decided to start one, and collecting them for two years, at the end of that time I had a very good collection, not valuable, but one that would interest a person who did not know the value of coins.

Some time late while looking over some letters I came across one from Japan, and the post mark being plain the idea of collecting them came into my head, but I did not do so to any extent as I soon learned they were worthless, and so I turned my attention to minerals.

After I had collected these sometime I saw a collection of stamps that was the property of a certain doctor in our town. It was a fair collection of U. S. and Foreign, about six hundred varieties, collected in 1874.

This set me nearly wild and I soon had nine varieties of foreign, which I obtained from some Italians and Russians that lived in our town, and fifteen varieties of U. S. which I picked up.

I looked over all the old correspondence of my fathers and grandfather. The idea of buying stamps never occured to me until I saw an advertisement in the *Youth's Companion*. It was to the effect that a dealer would send one thousand foreign stamps for ten cents, so I sent and waited impatiently for them to arrive. My next move was to sort the varieties out of the packet and stick them into a book very tight so they could not get away. The remainder I traded to the boys for U. S. mostly of the commonest varieties.

At the end of a year I had about one hundred and twenty five all told. Then for about a year I did not do much at collecting. In the year of 18—I went to M———to school and there I met a number of enterprising collectors and my old stamp fever returned with new vigor and from that time to this I have been adding specimans to my collection.

Until a year ago I had a general collection, but from that time I have collected nothing but U. S., mostly general issue of adhesive and departments.

Although my collection is yet small and far from what I want it to be I am from time to time adding specimens with the hope it will sometime reach what I want it to be.

H. E. O.

SIDE TALKS WITH YOUNG COLLECTORS.

(Any questions of interest to the mass of young collectors, if addressed to me will be answered, in these columns, address, Roy F. Greene Arkansas City, Kansas.)

One of the mistakes of young collectors, is their putting on sheets, stamps with which they are unfamiliar. I know of one collector who placed upon his sheets for exchange not long ago a rare die of a U. S. envelope, which he believed to be a common one and which he priced at three cents but which was worth as many dollars, it was eagerly removed by another more advanced collector who noted closely the stamp and of course took it.

They are wont to put rare dies, peculiar shades and uncatalogued rarities on sheets for exchange at low prices and thus let a *rara avis* escape them. One should be on the lookout for these ere they slip from your grasp.

No doubt many have the single word "*Escuelas*" appears on the stamps of Venezuela and what the word means. The word is defined as meaning *school* and the reason it has been placed on these stamps will be readily understood when you are informed that the postal receipts of this South American republic are used to defray the expenses of the public school system. I always have had a sort of reverence for these stamps since I learned of this, for to American hearts nothing is so dear as the public schools.

The bird which so much resembles the parrot, and which adorns the current issues of Guatemala, is the *quezel* and is the national emblem of that country, as the eagle is of the United States, It will be hard indeed for our friend (?) Seebeck to turn out as pretty a set of stamps as are these of our little sister republic to the south.

The most satisfactory way for young collectors to increase their collection is by means of packets. Many urge buying from sheets, but I really think the approval sheet should be relegated to the rear until the collection has reached the thousand mark when it becomes a necessity. Dealers when selling packets count on making a profit on the whole lot, whereas in selling from sheets, per specimens, a profit is counted on each stamp.

Almost all young collectors increase their collection largely by exchange, and in purchasing packets, those which you find to be duplicates can readily be exchanged to other collectors and thus increase your collection still more.

The contents of packets usually catalogued at three to five times their cost price so nothing can be lost by buying packets.

Another desirable method of purchasing, and a cheap way too, is by the set. A person very often gets a set of six or seven varieties for perhaps the catalogue value of one of the set. Thus he virtually gets a number of stamps for the price of one.

In conclusion let me say that I have been granted this space by the editor each month this year and I invite letters, from young collectors, on philatelic matters and by comparing notes we may be of much service to one another.

Some of the most valuable knowledge I have acquired has been through young collectors. Be perfectly free, question me or suggest things for consideration, I hope by these articles to gather around me a group of readers who are willing to impart information as well as absorb it.

R. F. G.

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The year 1893 has opened with a host of good resolutions upon our part. First and foremost amongst them is to appear promptly. We admit being late for several months past but it was entirely unavoidable; having been overwhelmed with work, the *Weekly Philatelist* occupies some time in mailing; our duties as secretary requires careful work; so perceiving that a great deal of loss of sleep was inevitable, and wishing to put up the reputation of the Sons of Philately and the COLLECTOR, we have placed in the hands of that well known advertising agent, Mr. R. P. Spooner, the entire charge of the advertising of this paper, which department practically requires the most time for proper attention, and he is well equipped for the undertaking. He will not under any consideration be allowed to monopolize the pages; and we feel sure that our readers will agree with us and say that a better paper is presented to them, through our having more time to attend to that department. Readers bear in mind that we are always ready to receive good articles on stamps.

Our readers will learn with regret that our beloved president has lost his father, and will join us in extending our heartfelt sympathy in his hour of bereavement.

By reading the remarks we have made after our report as Secretary of the S. of P. you will note the figures showing our wonderful increase in membership. All our members should look upon this with the greatest of pride; the honor of belonging to, and aiding in the advancement of, the largest society of this continent should be an incentive to still further advance our society to the stage of perfection. Each member is looked to, to give his views upon anything which would materially aid in benefitting the Sons of Philately. We have started upon the third year of our existence, and we will without doubt number over a thousand members ere 1894 is in sight. So do you forget that dues are now payable, be prompt in remittance and do all in your power to increase the membership—A Happy New Year to you all?

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What do you think of Roy Green's column? Have you any questions to ask?

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Don't forget to address the advertising manager upon all questions and business relative to that department.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new pricelist of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover, a copy will be sent free on application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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Have you subscribed to the *Weekly Philatelist* yet?

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Bro. Green requests us to state that the cause of the non-appearance of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* of the last few months was owing to a delay of the printer, and that all back numbers will shortly be issued.

WHAT A PHILATELIST IS.

How many stamp collectors know the meaning of the scientific name of their hobby! Probably not one out of fifty to say the least. As I have never seen any explanation of it, and have heard many express a desire to know, I will endeavor to explain it through the columns of the COLLECTOR. The term philately is derived from two Greek words, (philos) meaning love and (atelia) an exemption from tax. So originally, philately was a love of exemption from tax, in early times, before postage stamps had come into existence, the amount of the postage or *tax*, was marked on every letter, and the person receiving a letter, had to pay the imposed tax, which was sometimes very unreasonable.

When postage stamps appeared, the larger class of people favored them. This class gradually became known as philatelists, or those who favored the exemption from a real tax and preferred to pay a regular postage. Hence came the two terms philately and philatelists. These terms died out to a certain extent and for a while were nearly obsolete, but gradually they came to be applied to collectors of the stamps themselves and to the, at first called, hobby and finally, science of stamp collecting.

The term philatelic is doubtless of later origin and was created for the use of the collector himself, so, of course philatelic is something pertaining to philately and hence to stamp collecting.

It was surely a very roundabout way of obtaining names, but as scientific terms were desired, the result is as near the orignal meaning as is possible.

However erroneous the terms may be, taken with their modern meaning, it is probable that they have come to stay, and so we may as well make the best of them.

P. H. ILATELIST.

COLLECTORS' DIRECTORY

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Jos. F. Courtney, 130 Prospect St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ole H. Ulsaker, Walcott, N. D.

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A $12 Sun typewriter in fair condition for $10 worth of U. S. stamps, Scott's prices, none under 15c. The above typewriter and a 4x5 Montauk plateholder just bought, cost $1.25 for a 24c 1860, 90c 1861, and 90c 1869. No telegraph, locals or revenues taken. Make offers. Will answer with type-writer. Donald Campbell, Cold Springs, Putman Co., N. Y.

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Good exchange given for 3, 6, 15, 30, and 90c U. S. 1890. A. J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass.

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No. of Lot	U. S.	R. Price	No. in Lot
1	1851, 1, 3c, 1857, 1, 3c all good		4
2	1851, 5c brown cut within 1mm of oval other wise fine	$2.00	1
3	*1851, 10c green		1
4	1855, 10c green outer line at top		1
5	" " " [slightly torn, other wise fine		1
6	1857, 3c red outer line	.20	1
7	another	.15	1
8	1861, 1, 5, 12, 30, 90c latter clipped at bottom side	1.60	5
9	1861, 1, 10, 24 latter perf. clipped on all sides		4
10	1861, 5c yellow damaged		1
11	1861, 5, 30c [some perf. gone] 1869, 10c, 1872, 7c	.90	4
12	*1861, 5c 1887–8, 2, 3, 5, 1890 1c		5
13	1861, 24, 30c fine		2
14	1861, 24c lilac slightly torn	.50	1
15	1862, 5c chocolate	.85	1
15a	1863, 2, 3, 1868, 3c		3
16	1868, 3c rose, grilled 11x14	.02	1
17	" 12, 15c black	.20	2
18	1869, 1, *2, *3	.30	3
19	" 2, 3, 6c later some perf. gone at top, 12c perf. gone at top and bottom		4
20	*1869, 3c blue		1
21	" " lightly can.		40
22	" 6c blue		1
23	" 15c		1
24	1870, 1c pair double grill rare in this condition	1.50	2
25	1872, 1, *2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30c [3, 12, 15, 30 slightly damaged]		8
26	1872, 3, 7c P. O. Env. 6c cut sq.		3
27	1872, 3c lightly can.		40
28	*1872–7, 3, 2c		2
29	*1872, 12c no gum	.60	1
30	" 7, 12, 30, 90c	.45	4
31	1875, 2, 5c		2
32	1875–88, 2, 5, 5, 1, *2, [no gum] 4, *2c [no gum] *3, 1, 4, 5c		11
33	1882, *1, 6, *10		3
34	* " 5c		1
35	1887–8, 3, 4, 5, 30c	.25	4

No. of Lot	U. S.—Continued.	R. Price	No. in Lot
36	1887-8, 3, 4, 5, 30, 90c	.65	5
37	*1888, 30c brown	.35	1
38	* Special Delivery, 1885–'8	.20	2
39	same used	.08	2
40	*Newspaper, 1, 2, 4c	.30	3
41	* " 48c	.90	1
42	1879, Due set except 10c 3 unused		6
43	1891, " " " 3c		4
44	Agri, 1c, Int. *1, *10, Justice *3 P. O. 1, 6c, Treas. 10c, War 1c	1.00	8
45	Agri. 3c, Int. 2, 3c, Navy 2c		4
46	Int. 1c	.15	1
47	Int. 9 var. 24, 90c used		9
48	" 1, 2, 3, 6, *10, 24, 30c	.60	7
49	Justice, 3, 6, Navy 3, 6, State, *3, *6 later erased	1.20	6
50	P. O. 6c Offi. seal 2 var.		3
51	*Offi. seal		1
52	*Postal Service, black and blue		2
53	same		2
54	Treasury 3, 6, 90c		3
55	*War, complete	.75	11
56	War 6 var.		6
57	* " 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 24c, 2 are used		7
58	Telegraph 14 var.		14
59	*War 10, 30c		2

U. S. ON ORIG. ENV.

60	1851, 1c blue strip of 3		3
61	" " " " 2 and part of another		2
62	1867, 3c red outer line, 1 at top		4
63	1856, 1c blue		1
64	1861, 1c 3 shades all fine		5
65	1863–72, 4 stamps on 3 env.		4
66	1851 3c		1
67	1861, 10c green		1
68	1868, 3c 2 var.		2
69	1863 3c, Conf. States 10c		2
70	" 3c rose pink		2
71	1870 3c, 1887 3c		2
72	1872, 3c blue green [4], 1c Canada 1c [2]		7
73	1875, 3c blue no grill		1

REVENUES.

74 1st issue light value 8
75 " *2c Int. Rev., Int'd Exc'h 4, 6, 15, etc., nice lot . . . 21
76 1st issue 2 Play card 25 1
77 " 2c Ex. press unperf. . .20 1
78 " 3c Play card fine 70 1
79 " Conveyance 10c unp. . . . 1
80 Father Mathew 4c 35 2
81 Eickani & Co. 1c 1
82 1st issue 27 var. from 1c to $2.00 . . 27
83 2nd 3rd issues 11 var. 11
84 Rev., Match, Medicine, 19 var. cat. over 70c inc. Rev. $2.50 Int'd Exc'h. 19
85 Medicine 3 var. cat. 19c 3
86 Sheet of 25 mostly rev. 25
86a Locals part originals 70
86b Medicine 10 var. 1.15 10

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Cut sq. unless otherwise stated.

87 4c carm. 4c green 2
88 5c blue containing 1890 1, 6c, on same env. 5c brown containing 2, [3] entire 8
89 1, 2c 350
90 2c carmine 40 10
91 24 cut to shape 7 var. cat. at $1.00 . . . . . .40 24
92 15 var. cat. 40c 20 15
93 15 var. 1872 to date 200 prices . . 200
94 14 var. 14
95 1864, 3c pink on buff and white .08 2
95a 25 var. U. S. env. cut square inc. *5 inc. 2 var. Centennial . . . 25
96 10 var. U. S. dept., Treas., War, P. O., Doc, &c 10
97 22 var. U. S. adhesive 22
98 28 " " dept. env. &c . . .10 .28
99 25 " " adhesive 10 25
100 Sheet of 22 U. S. inc. War, Int. P. O., env., Doc, &c 22
101 35 var. adhesive cat. 5c 30 35
102 87 var. cat. over $3.00 . . . 175 87

FOREIGN.

103 Antigua [1] Argentine [17] two unused 18
104 Austria [19] one unused 19
105 *Azores 1882–3, 5, 10r 2
106 Baden *2, Bahamas 1d, Bermuda *½, 1d 4
107 Bahamas 2½ on 4d red env. entire . 1
108 Barbados 1861 [2], 1882–5, [4] . . . 6
108a *Barbados, 1sh 1
109 Bavaria, 6 var. 3unused 6
110 Belgium 1851–88, 20 var. inc. Unpaid Postal Pk't &c 20

FOREIGN—Continued.

111 Belguim 1883 50c, Gibralter ½d damaged 2
112 Bolivia, 1886 2 var.
113 Brazil, 18 var. 18
114 " 1850, 30, 60r 1879, 50r . . . 3
115 *Br. Honduras 1888 2 var. 2
116 * " " " 2 on 1d 1
117 *Another Salvador, 2c 2
118 Br. Guiana, 1863–89 6 var. 6
119 Br. N. Barneo, *1, Bulgaria 6 var. . 7
120 Canada, 1859–88, 1, 5, 1, 1, 2, 3, 6, 15c 8
121 Canada, 1859, 10c on orig. env. . . 1
122 " 1869–90, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10½, 6c 8
123 Canada Wraps 05 4
124 " Reg. [2] damaged, China [4] 6
125 Cape of Good Hope [4], Ceylon [4] 8
126 Ceylon Env. 5c 2 var. 2
127 Corea *1, Chili 11 var. 12
128 Congo *5c, Columbia, 1864 5r orange slightly torn 2
129 Columbia 7 var. 2uns 7
130 " Santander 1c, Tolima *5c . 2
131 Costa Rica 6 var., Cuba 1864, *½r green, 1864 40c 8
132 Cuba 1871–90, 12 var. 4 uns. . . . 12
133 Curacao [2], Cyprus [3] 1 uns . . . 5
134 Cuba 1871–90 *4 var. Venezuela 1879–87 5, 5c, Curacao 2½c 7
135 Declaration Angola 1, 12c . . .30 2
136 *Denmark, 5 var. 5
137 Dominican Rep. 3 var., E. Roumelia 2 var. 5
138 Ecuador [9], Egypt [5] 14
139 France 64 var. 3 uns. 64
140 French Col. 8 var. 8
141 * " 5 var. cat. 65c 1 used . 5
142 *Germany 3 var. cat. 33c 1 used . . 3
143 Germany 1868 2r 1
144 Great Britain, 1841 1d red on blue pair 2
145 Great Britain, 1d red on blue strip of 3 3
146 Great Britain, 2d blue on blue 2 pairs 2
147 Great Britain 2d blue good 1
148 " 1840–80, 18 var. 1 uns. 18
149 " 1847, 1s green pair . . 2
150 " 1847, 1s green 4
151 " " " " 8
152 " 1855 1d 100
153 " 1856 45 pairs 1d . . . 90
154 " 1864 1d some very fine 40
155 " " 1d 10 pairs . . . 20
156 " 1880 ½d 11
157 " " 1d 200
158 " 1881 1d 3200

FOREIGN—Continued.

159 Great Britain 1883–4, 2s 6d slightly torn 5s slightly damaged 10s fine 3
160 Great Britain, 1884 7 var. 1 Rev. used postally 7
161 Great Britain, 1887 ½d 500
162 " " 1½d 100
163 " " 3d 100
164 " 1887–90, 11 var. fine, ½ and 2½d are unused . . . 11
165 Great Britain, Jubilee env. entire with card 1
166 Great Britain env. cut square . . 100
167 Great Britain, Newspaper ½ . . 300
168 Great Britain, Card, 3 var. entire . 3
169 Grenada 2 var. Greece 4 var. 2 uns. 6
170 Guatemala 1871–86, 10 var. 6 unused 1 damaged 10
171 Hawaiian Is. 2c 150
172 Hayti 1883–7, 5 var. 1c 5
173 Heligoland, 17 var. Argentine, 1861 5, 15c rep. 19
174 Hungary, 6 var., India 16 var. . . 22
175 India Native States 5 var. *2 . . . 5
176 Italy 50-100l unpaid 2
177 Italy 19 var. 19
178 Jamaica 15 var. inc. Rev. used postally, Prov., &c 15
179 Jamaica Offi. ½, 1d 2
180 Japan 8 var. 8
181 Mexico 1861-89, 42 var. 7 unused a few damaged 42
181a Mexico 1864 4 var. 4
182 " 10c 100
183 " offi. 3 var. *2 3
184 *Mozambique 25, 50c, Newfoundland 5 var. 3 used 7
185 *Nicaragua 5 var. 4
186 * " 1890 env. 50c, Wrap 4c 2
187 Natal 1857, 3d not fine 1
188 Norway 4 var., Persia 2 var. . . . 6
188a Paraguay 1891 2c carm. double surc'h rare 1
189 Peru 12 var. cat. 92c, *5 12
189a Persia 1883, 50c gray surch. Official rare 1
190 Porto Rico 10 var. *4 10

FOREIGN—Continued.

191 Prince Edwards Is. *3d, Queensland 4, 6d, 1s 4
192 *Salvador, 1890, adh., env., wrap. 50 18
193 Salvador, 8 var. *2 8
194 *Samoa 8 var. 8
195 South African Rep., 6 var. *2 . . . 6
196 Spain, 16 var. 16
197 " (14), Greece (8), P't'g'l. (4) 26
198 " 1870, 100c, 1879, 4, 10p . . . 3
198a Sweden, 20 var. 20
199 " Unpaid and offi. [7], Russia (5) 12
200 Switzerland, 21 var. *9 inc. Unpaid 10, 20, 100, 500c 9
201 St. Vincent, 1d lilac surch. 1d, in red Revenue in bl'k. 1
202 Victoria. 1875-90, 8 var. 8
203 Venezuela, 1859-87, 9 var. good lot 9
204 1 lot of 80 used some good ones. 25 unused some scarce, 15 sq. cut, env's. and wraps, used and unused good lot 1.20 1
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213 10 inc. Canada, 1859, 5c 10
214 20 unused inc. Tunis, Nic., Servia, Native States, &c 20
215 36 var. cat. at 75c 36
216 15 from Germany, Prussia, &c nearly all old 15
217 Lot of env., wraps, cat. at 30c . . . 6
218 Collection of 100 var. U. S., 130 var. Foreign in Gem Album . . 230
219 St. Christopher, (2), St. Helena, *½ 3

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* " " 3c 10
* " " 4c 10
* " " 6c 20
* " " 8c 20
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* " " 1887, 3c vermilion 07

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